IN THE ABSTRACT

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 3, 11, 20-22, 25 and 41 with the new versions shown on the following sheets.

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1. (Twice amended) A pulley comprising:

a pulley body which has a rotationally symmetrical outer circumferential surface and

a pulley hub, and having a tire which sits on the outer circumferential surface and has at least one radially outer and one radially inner ring and also a reinforcing ring, the reinforcing ring being made of a material which is rigid relative to the radially inner and the radially outer rings, and which is so dimensioned and arranged as to distribute rope load substantially uniformly over the inner ring, the reinforcing ring having a diameter which is smaller than the outside diameter of the radially outer ring, the radially inner ring being made of an elastomer, the radially outer ring being made of an elastomer or a plastic, and the radially outer ring having a greater Shore hardness than the radially inner ring.

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3. (Twice amended) The pulley as claimed in claim 2, wherein a flange disk, which projects radially outward beyond the outer circumferential surface of the pulley body, is detachably fastened to each of the lateral flanks.

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11. (Twice amended) The pulley as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reinforcing ring is a sheet-metal formed part.

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20. (Twice amended) The pulley as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reinforcing ring contains slots which run in the circumferential direction and lead from the lateral flank into the reinforcing ring.

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21. (Twice amended) The pulley as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the radially outer or the radially inner ring is connected to the reinforcing ring in a positive-locking manner.

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22. (Twice amended) The pulley as claimed in claim 1, wherein the radially inner ring is recessed at its lateral flanks at least in sections relative to the surfaces defined by the lateral flank of the pulley body.

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25. (Twice amended) The pulley as claimed in claim 3, wherein a distance between each lateral flank of the radially outer ring is equal to a clearance distance between each flange disk at this location.

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41. (Once amended) A pulley as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reinforcing ring has an indented cross-sectional shape.